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John Boehner
Chairman
8th District, Ohio

House Meets at 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Business

Anticipated Floor Action:

**Motion to Go to Conference on H.R. 2646 (Education Savings Accounts for
Public and Private Schools Act)
H.R. 3694—FY 1999 Intelligence Authorization Act**



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and Private Schools Act)**

Floor Situation: Mr. Archer or a designee may offer a motion to go to conference on H.R. 2646 as the first order of business today. A motion to instruct may be made immediately after this request and before the chair appoints conferees. Instructions are considered the prerogative of the minority and are debatable for one hour.

Summary: The motion, if agreed to, will establish a House-Senate conference to resolve differences between the House version of H.R. 2646—which passed the House by a vote of 230-198 on October 23, 1997—and the Senate version, which passed the Senate by a vote of 56-43 on April 23, 1998. Once agreed to, the motion permits the chair to appoint conferees. Details of a possible motion to instruct were unavailable at press time.

Views: The Republican Leadership supports the motion to go to conference, and opposes any motion to instruct conferees that would weaken the position of House negotiators.

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #29, October 17, 1997.



H.R. 3694—FY 1999 Intelligence Authorization Act

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.R. 3694 after it appoints conferees on H.R. 2646. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a modified open rule providing for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Intelligence Committee. It waives House rules which require that committee reports be available three days before consideration. The rule makes in order a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as base text. The rule allows consideration of only those amendments that have been pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes during consideration of the bill and reduce the voting time on a postponed vote to five minutes, so long as it follows a regular 15-minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Summary: H.R. 3694 authorizes appropriations for the intelligence activities of 11 federal agencies including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Agency (NSA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The funding levels and personnel ceilings for most programs are outlined in a classified annex to the committee report, which members may view at the Select Committee on Intelligence in H-405 in the Capitol. CBO estimates that enactment will result in unclassified outlays of \$139 million over the next four years. The bill was introduced by Mr. Goss and was reported by the Intelligence Committee by unanimous consent.

Views: The Republican leadership supports passage of the bill. An official Clinton Administration viewpoint was unavailable at press time.

Amendments: At the close of business, the *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments to H.R. 3694:

Mr. Sanders may offer an amendment (#2) to reduce the bill's total authorization level by five percent. The amendment exempts the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability Fund from the reduction. **Staff Contact: Brendan Smith, x5-4115**

Mr. Traficant may offer an amendment (#3) to require the Director of Central Intelligence to report annually to Congress on the level of cooperation and assistance provided to domestic federal law enforcement agencies by the intelligence community in the effort to stop the flow of illegal drugs into the United States through the Mexican and Canadian borders. **Contact: x5-5261**

Ms. Waters may offer an amendment (#4) to require the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) to report to the Attorney General on the knowledge of facts or circumstances which indicate that any former or current officer or employee has been involved with or is currently involved with drug trafficking or any violations of U.S. drug laws. The amendment also requires any employee of the intelligence community to report to the DCI any knowledge that reasonably indicates such illegal activities. **Contact: x5-2201**

Mr. Weldon (PA) may offer an amendment (#5) to request the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) to report annually to Congress in classified form on specific foreign entities that transfer controlled items to another entity for any of the following purposes: (1) a missile project of concern

by the DCI; (2) any activity to develop, produce, stockpile, or deliver chemical or biological weapons; or (3) nuclear activities in countries that do not maintain full International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards. **Staff Contact: Debbie Hughes, x5-2011**

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVII, #11, Pt. III, May 5, 1998.



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